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TAGS: SGEN, TBIO, PN

SUBJ: MARINE MAMMAL PROTECTION ACT OF 1972 (MMPA);
REQUEST FOR INFO ON STATUS OF MARINE MAMMALS

REF: STATE 114904

1. FOLLOWING INFO OBTAINED FROM MAMMALOGIST AT SMITH-SONIAN TROPICAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE: NO SEA LIONS, ELEPHANT SEALS, SEA OTTERS, WALRUS, POLAR BEARS, OR SEALS EXIST IN PANAMA. THERE HAVE BEEN VERY RARE SIGHTINGS OF SEALS ON PANAMA BEACHES.

2. SIGHTINGS OF MIGRATORY WHALES HAVE BEEN MADE, BUT THERE IS NO HUNTING OF THESE IN PANAMANIAN WATERS. MANY DOLPHINS/PORPOISES LIVE IN PANAMANIAN WATERS BUT THEY ARE NOT HUNTED. IN ADDITION THERE IS NO SIGNIFICANT TUNA FISHING IN PANAMANIAN WATERS WHICH MIGHT ACCIDENTALLY ENTRAP PORPOISES.

3. MANATEES EXIST IN BOCAS DEL TORO PROVINCE IN SIXAOLA RIVER AND LAGUNA DE CHIRIQUI AREAS. NATIVE SPECIES IS TRICHECHUS MANATUS. TWO MANATEES FROM BOCAS AND ONE IMPORTED FROM PERU WERE PUT IN LAKE GATUN BUT THESE HAVE NOT BEEN SEEN FOR SEVERAL YEARS. THE MANATEES IN PANAMA HAVE BEEN HUNTED TO POINT WHERE THEY ARE NOW

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ON VERGE OF EXTINCTION.

4. AT THIS TIME NO RESEARCH BEING DONE ON THESE MAMMALS
IN PANAMA.
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